



## 2019 Federal Candidate Survey Kitchener Centre

The following report presents responses from federal candidates running in Cambridge. If you have questions about this report, please contact [rcc-chair@yourwrrc.ca](mailto:rcc-chair@yourwrrc.ca)

### About the NDP Response

The NDP team released a response to our questions on behalf of all federal candidates. This is attached as Appendix A.

NDP Scott Hamilton's team also provided a Francophone response that addresses their stance on 2SLGBTQIA+ issues. This is attached as Appendix B.

### About the Liberal Response

The Liberal team released a response to our questions on behalf of all federal candidates. This is attached as Appendix C.

## Working with the 2SLGBTQIA+ Community

What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?

### Raj Saini (Liberal)

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Did not respond nor complete the survey.

See Appendix C.

### Stephen Woodworth (Conservative)

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 **Andrew Moraga (NDP)** 

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There are a lot of issues that I believe are critical for the local 2SLGTQIA+ community. Issues like stigma, across the board, from the various identities that people in the queer community hold right to HIV status and how that influences social acceptance, access to health care, and prescriptions. There are concerns about local trans folk not having access to the gender affirming health care services that they need in our region. There's a lack of access for mental health care for all people, but especially queer persons who are at higher risk for self-harm and suicide attempts. As Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Centre I would work to break down stigma associated with the 2SLGTQIA+ community by standing against hate and ignorance towards trans folks and people living with HIV. I would oppose any legislation that promotes hate or violence towards the queer community. We need to address stigma associated with HIV by recognizing U=U, undetectable is untransmissible, and promote acceptance and understanding for those living with HIV. I would endeavour to work with local organizations to promote this knowledge to the wider community in breaking down barriers to understanding about HIV/AIDS. I would work with community organizations to promote local access for trans health care in the Waterloo Region, providing expanded and regular services. It's very important to increase access to mental healthcare services in the region across the board, and I would advocate for increased funding for our community to promote expanded services.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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We have a long way to go to ensure that everyone in Kitchener have equal access to services, employment and health care. The results of the Outlook Survey were clear - we need to work harder to create a safe, inclusive community.

Some of the most critical issues I've heard from friends, community members and at doors across Kitchener include:

- Increasing safety and a sense of belonging for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in Kitchener
- Working towards trans-inclusive employment, social services, health care and washrooms in public and private locations
- Employment access and inclusion for all members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community
- Fighting homophobia and transphobia, and working to make our community more inclusive and safe for all

As your representative, I would continue to build and maintain relationships with individuals and organizations in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to ensure that I'm working hard for everyone in Kitchener Centre. I would continue to learn and grow in my own

understanding of the local, regional and national issues that impact the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

The Green Party's platform includes commitments to strengthen rights and access for 2SLGBTQIA+ people and combat discrimination in Canada's laws and practices. I would strongly support these initiatives and push for change by working with other Green MPs and across party lines.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Vetting Campaign Donations

What steps do you take to vet campaign donations to ensure that you are not funded by groups or organizations with anti-2SLGBTQIA+ rhetoric or goals?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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We do not accept donations from groups or organizations, period. Only individuals may donate to federal political campaigns according to election law. However, if we were allowed to accept donations from groups or organizations, I would choose not accept donations from groups with anti-2SLGBTQIA+ rhetoric or goals. As a queer candidate it would be antithetical to my existence to accept such donations, but beyond that I

support every person in living their lives as their authentic self, free from discrimination and hate.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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Consistent with Elections Canada campaign finance law, we only accept donations from individuals. We do not accept donations from any corporations or organizations.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Same-Sex Marriage

- a. What is your party's history in voting for or against same-sex marriage in Canada?
- b. If elected, how would you represent your party's stance on retaining same-sex marriage rights?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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 **Andrew Moraga (NDP)** 

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The federal NDP has overwhelmingly voted for and supported same-sex marriage in Canada. I would strongly represent my continued support, and the party's continued support, for same-sex marriage which I affectionately refer to as just marriage equality. I will continue to support equal marriage rights for all consenting adults, regardless of gender identity or sex.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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The Green Party called for the legalization of same-sex marriage in the 1980s, the first political party to do so. Greens believe that consensual sexual freedom is a fundamental human right and that acceptance and celebration of LGBTQI2+ people and identities are essential for genuine social justice and equity.

Elizabeth May was elected in 2011, after same-sex marriage was legalized in Canada. However, she advocated for equal marriage rights before being elected to Parliament.

My own stance aligns with the Green Party's position that all people in Canada deserve the same rights, including the right to marry and access the legal benefits of marriage. I would vote against any attempt to roll back same-sex marriage rights.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## **Protections for Trans Community (Bill C-16)**

- a. What is your party's history in supporting Bill C-16?
- b. If elected, how would you support federal protections for the trans community in Canada?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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## **Andrew Moraga (NDP)**

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The NDP actively supports formal protections for gender identity and gender expression under the law, having introduced bills regarding this issue in several parliaments prior to the eventual introduction and passage of Bill C-16 in 2016. As a Member of Parliament for Kitchener-Centre I would work with the trans community to further understand their unique challenges and endeavour to address those issues in parliament.

## **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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As party leader and Green Party MP, Elizabeth May voted for Bill C-16 and continues to push for rights for gender-diverse Canadians.

I would work with Green MPs and MPs from other parties to:

- Repeal all federal laws and policies that are discriminatory on the grounds of sexuality, including section 159 of the Criminal Code, and that refer to intersex reality as a defect, aberration, or by any other derogatory terms.
- Establish a funding program within Health Canada to support community-based organizations offering targeted LGBTQI2+ youth's mental health and well-being programs, including suicide prevention, peer support, coming out, and counselling.
- Ensure access to comprehensive sexual health care and gender affirming health care, including hormone treatments and blockers, and gender confirmation surgeries.
- Ensure that trans\*, non-binary, and Two Spirit people, without undertaking surgeries, are able to alter their sex designation on all federally-issued official documents, consistent with their gender identity.
- Work with social services, community supports, emergency shelters and other frontline organizations to ensure that all 2SLGBTQIA+ young people are cared for and protected.
- Ensure that the national census is designed to reflect the diversity of sex and gender and ask appropriate questions to ensure adequate, safe and effective data collection.

- Require accessible facilities in all federal buildings, including gender-neutral washrooms, changing facilities, etc. while also re-affirming trans, non-binary and Two Spirit people's right to use whichever facilities with which they identify.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Canadian Blood Services' Donations Ban

Do you support the current eligibility criterion for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) to donate blood to Canadian Blood Services? If not, what proposals would you suggest to change the eligibility for MSM to donate blood?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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I do not support the current eligibility criterion for MSM blood donation in Canada. The policy is discriminatory and not based on current scientific evidence. I will support a transition to a behaviour-based survey that is applied to all potential donors regardless of gender identity, sex, or sexual orientation. It is unacceptable that we do not factor

individual behaviour into these decisions but instead paint entire communities with broad strokes that do not reflect reality.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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Consistent with the Green Party's position, I believe the current criteria for blood donations is discriminatory. If elected, I would work to end the discriminatory MSM blood ban. I would work with the Green Party and 2SLGBTQIA+ organizations to plan next steps for changing the eligibility criteria for blood donations.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Homelessness & Addiction

How would you as an elected official address the ongoing issues of homelessness and addiction, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTIA+ community?

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Homelessness and addiction in the 2SLGBTQIA+ community needs to be actively addressed through services targeted to youth who live in unsupportive home environments and are on the journey towards accepting themselves. That includes shelters and transitional housing for queer youth, mental health services that are trauma informed and sensitive to queer identities, and that includes safe consumption sites for those struggling with addiction. We need to meet individuals where they are at in their journeys to recovery and/or acceptance, and that's true for all persons in our community.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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I believe that housing is a right and that the federal government has a responsibility to ensure that everyone has a safe, dignified and affordable place to call home. The Green Party would enhance the federal government's contribution to meeting the housing needs of Canadians through direct investments, changes to tax policies, the appointment of a Minister of Housing, and lending-granting programs, putting the government's focus where it is urgently needed.

Any strategy for homelessness, addiction and access to housing needs to address the specific needs of communities that are disproportionately affected by these issues. 2SLGBTIA+ people and organizations should be consulted and involved in creating any new programs or policies that affect them.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## **Refugees & Asylum Rights**

- a. What is your party's stance on accepting refugees who are 2SLGBTQIA+?
- b. If elected, how would you encourage and protect the asylum rights of refugees based on their 2SLGBTQIA+ identities?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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 **Andrew Moraga (NDP)** 

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New Democrats believe that Canada has a unique and important role to play in helping LGBTQI2S+ refugees around the world. We will establish a clear and permanent path for resettlement of LGBTQI2S+ refugees in Canada. I will fight to protect the asylum rights of refugees based on their 2SLGBTQIA+ identities as I am more than well aware that around the world it is still very deadly to live as one's authentic self. Many countries criminalize queer persons for existing, and in some places, it is punishable by death. As a queer person living in Canada I am so grateful to have the legal protection and now social acceptance to live my authentic life. I would actively support and fight for those fleeing persecution for their 2SLGBTQIA+ identities.

 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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The Green Party advocates for accepting and supporting refugees from all countries and backgrounds, without discrimination, with a focus on those who most urgently need asylum. I am proud that Canada currently provides funding and increased access for 2SLGBTIA+ refugees who are fleeing persecution in their home countries. We need to continue accepting and supporting 2SLGBTIA+ refugees while asking governments around the world to protect and expand rights for 2SLGBTIA+ residents.

I would work to increase asylum rights for all refugees, including 2SLGBTIA+ refugees who are seeking safety in Canada. The federal government should increase funding and expedite requests for 2SLGBTIA+ refugees, and help ensure that they have the supports they need when they arrive.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Gender Markers on Identification

As an elected official, how would you support non-binary Canadians in changing their gender markers on their government identification?

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### **Andrew Moraga (NDP)**

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I believe that Canadians should have unimpeded access to have their gender markers on their government identification match their gender identity, and my office would be more than happy to assist in making that change possible.

### **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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Consistent with the Green Party's platform, I would support policies and legislation that ensure that trans, non-binary, and Two Spirit people are able to alter their sex designation on all federally-issued official documents, consistent with their gender identity.

### **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

### **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Incarcerated Two-Spirit and Trans Individuals

How should incarcerated Two-Spirit and trans individuals be housed to serve their time in federal prisons in order to maintain safety and protection of all prisoners?

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### **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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While I would push for a more progressive and restorative approach to criminal justice in Canada, it is important to ensure that trans and Two-Spirit people are safely housed while they are incarcerated.

I would follow the recommendations of the Correctional Service of Canada, which includes:

- Placing a prisoner in a men's or women's institution according to their gender identity, if it is their preference, regardless of their anatomy or gender on their identification documents, unless there are overriding health or safety concerns which cannot be resolved.
- Using a prisoner's chosen name and pronouns in all oral interactions and written documentation.

- Allowing prisoners to purchase authorized items from CSC catalogues for either men or women if there are no safety, health or security concerns according to the security level of their institution.
- Taking steps to maximize the privacy and confidentiality of information related to a prisoner's gender identity. Information about a prisoner's gender identity will only be shared with those directly involved with that person's care, and only when relevant.
- Offering individualized protocols for prisoners who seek to be accommodated on the basis of gender identity or expression to ensure, among other things: the safety, privacy and dignity of a prisoner when they access shower and/or toilet facilities; and the choice of male or female staff to conduct frisk and strip searches, urinalysis testing, and camera surveillance.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## **LGBTQ2 Secretariat Cabinet Position**

What are your thoughts on the recently created cabinet position of LGBTQ2 Secretariat?

 **Raj Saini (Liberal)**

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 **Stephen Woodworth (Conservative)**

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Did not complete this question.

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 **Mike Morrice (Green)**

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The creation of the LGBTQ2 Secretariat is an important step to help keep the federal government accountable on issues of gender identity and sexual orientation. However, it's crucial that we continue to push for concrete action at the federal level to protect and enhance the rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ people. All government departments should be actively involved in this work.

 **Patrick Bernier (PPC)**

Could not be contacted to participate in the survey.

 **Ellen Papenburg (Animal Protection Party)**

Responded but did not complete the survey.

## Appendix A

### **NDP Response: Rainbow Community Council 2SLGBTQIA**

**1) What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?**

Although Canada has made important strides in upholding LGBTQI2S+ rights, there is more work to be done to improve the lives of LGBTQI2S+ Canadians and make Canada a country where everyone can live free from hate and bias. Some of the most critical issues include the discriminatory ban on blood donation, conversion therapy, access to services for trans people, employment discrimination and the need to protect 2SLGBTQIA refugees.

**2) What steps do you take to vet campaign donations to ensure that you are not funded by groups or organizations with anti-2SLGBTQIA+ rhetoric or goals?**

We only accept donations from individuals. The NDP unequivocally stands against all forms of homophobia and transphobia.

**3)**

**a. What is your party's history in voting for or against same-sex marriage in Canada?**

While many other politicians from other parties voted against same-sex marriage, New Democrats were proud to support this right consistently and early on.

**b. If elected, how would you represent your party's stance on retaining same-sex marriage rights?**

Same-sex marriage rights are non-negotiable. Everyone in Canada should always have the right to marry the person they love, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. The NDP takes proactive steps to ensure all our candidates and caucus abide by this core fundamental value.

**4)**

**a. What is your party's history in supporting Bill C-16?**

In December 2015, NDP MP Randall Garrison re-introduced the private member Bill C-204 to include gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination. The content of this bill was copied by the government in Bill C-16, which the NDP was proud to support.



**b. If elected, how would you support federal protections for the trans community in Canada?**

We will always stand with the trans community in Canada, whether with respect to healthcare, the elimination of employment and other discrimination, or other matters that affect trans Canadians. For example, access to gender confirming procedures and medication can be life-saving for some transgender people. New Democrats will work with the provinces to make sure that there is equal access to gender confirming surgery across the country and that these procedures and medications are covered by public health plans.

**5) Do you support the current eligibility criterion for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) to donate blood to Canadian Blood Services? If not, what proposals would you suggest to change the eligibility for MSM to donate blood?**

One of the most significant setbacks of recent years is the Liberals' decision to maintain the discriminatory ban on blood donation by men who have sex with anyone assigned male at birth. We need behaviour-based screening rather than policies that discriminate against an entire sexual orientation. A New Democrat government will end the discriminatory blood ban and put in place policies based in public health evidence to secure the blood supply.

**6) How would you as an elected official address the ongoing issues of homelessness and addiction, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTIA+ community?**

For too many LGBTQ2+ homeless youth, finding a place to call home where they feel respected and nurtured is difficult. They can also be subject to violence and discrimination in shelters. That's why when addressing this issue, the federal government can provide funding to ensure there is LGBTQ2+-specific housing. There must be a range of housing available, from emergency shelters to transitional housing.

With respect to addictions, we will declare a public health emergency and commit to working with all levels of government, experts, and Canadians to end the criminalization and stigma of drug addiction, so that people struggling with addiction can get the help they need without fear of arrest, while getting tough on the real criminals - those who traffic in and profit from illegal drugs. We'll work with the provinces to support overdose prevention sites and expand access to treatment on demand for people struggling with addiction.

**7)**

**a. What is your party's stance on accepting refugees who are 2SLGBTQIA+?**

**b. If elected, how would you encourage and protect the asylum rights of refugees based on their 2SLGBTQIA+ identities?**

New Democrats believe that Canada has a unique and important role to play in helping LGBTQI2S+ refugees around the world. We will establish a clear and permanent path for resettlement of LGBTQI2S+ refugees in Canada to replace the current piecemeal approach that only deals with emergency cases as they arise.

**8) As an elected official, how would you support non-binary Canadians in changing their gender markers on their government identification?**

The NDP supports allowing non-binary Canadians to change their gender markers on government identification in areas that fall under federal jurisdiction. On matters that fall under provincial jurisdiction, we are committed to working with the provinces in order to make this a reality.

**9) How should incarcerated Two-Spirit and trans individuals be housed to serve their time in federal prisons in order to maintain safety and protection of all prisoners?**

Trans and two Two-Spirit inmates should be housed based on their gender in federal correctional facilities, not based on biological sex at the time of birth. Further, they should not be held in segregation and should not have to hide their identity out of fear of violence and discrimination in those facilities.

**10) What are your thoughts on the recently created cabinet position of LGBTQ2 Secretariat?**

We support this position and plan to continue it.

## Appendix B

### Réponse du NDP: FUGUES

**1. Comment votre parti se positionne-t-il par rapport à la lutte contre l'homophobie et la transphobie?**

Bien que le Canada ait fait d'importants progrès dans la défense des droits des personnes LGBTQI2S+, il reste encore beaucoup à faire pour améliorer la vie de ces personnes et pour faire du Canada un pays où tout le monde peut vivre sans haine ni préjugés.

**2. Considérez-vous la mise en place de campagnes nationales sur les valeurs canadiennes incluant les réalités de la diversité sexuelle et de genre?**

Les néo-démocrates s'élèveront toujours contre toutes les formes de haine, le racisme, incluant le racisme anti-Noir, l'antisémitisme, l'islamophobie, la violence fondée sur le sexe, l'homophobie et la transphobie.

**3. Votre parti poursuivra-t-il l'initiative du gouvernement sortant de nommer un conseiller auprès du premier ministre ? Ou envisagez-vous une autre structure ?**

Oui.

**4. Votre parti est-il d'avis qu'il faudrait modifier le Code criminel pour interdire les thérapies de conversion ?**

En ce qui concerne l'orientation sexuelle et l'expression de genre, des pratiques préjudiciables comme les prétendues « thérapies de conversion » n'ont pas leur place au Canada. Nous allons élaborer un plan d'action pancanadien visant à interdire les thérapies de conversion pour les mineur.es au Canada, et nous allons collaborer avec les provinces et les territoires pour appuyer l'élimination de cette pratique dans toutes les régions du pays.

**5. Avec le succès des traitements contre le VIH qui rendent indétectable et donc intransmissible la grande majorité des personnes séropositives, votre parti considère-t-il qu'on devrait décriminaliser le risque de transmission du VIH ?**

Le NDP soutient toute mesure qui réduit la criminalisation et la stigmatisation des personnes vivant avec le VIH. Nos lois devraient refléter la science : les recherches actuelles montrent que l'activité sexuelle avec une personne vivant avec le VIH qui suit un traitement tel que prescrit et qui a maintenu une charge virale supprimée pose un risque négligeable de transmission.

Mettre fin à la criminalisation n'est pas seulement une question de changer ou de ne pas changer le Code criminel ; le gouvernement doit investir dans l'éducation et la prévention pour aider à réduire la stigmatisation associée au VIH.

**6. Selon votre parti, quel devrait-être l'engagement financier du Canada concernant le Fonds Mondial de lutte contre le paludisme et le sida?**

Afin d'améliorer la santé globale, le Canada devrait contribuer davantage au Fonds international pour lutter contre le SIDA, la tuberculose et la malaria, afin de mettre fin à ces épidémies et d'appuyer les systèmes de santé dans les pays en développement.

**7. Le Canada devrait-il imiter, selon votre parti, l'Espagne, le Portugal et l'Italie, où l'exclusion de don de sang touche les pratiques à risque et où on ne fait plus de différence entre le don de sang des hétérosexuels et celui des homosexuels?**

L'un des revers les plus importants de ces dernières années, c'est la décision du gouvernement libéral de maintenir l'interdiction discriminatoire du don de sang par des hommes ayant des rapports sexuels avec d'autres personnes identifiées comme hommes à la naissance. Nous avons besoin d'un dépistage fondé sur le comportement, plutôt que des politiques qui font de la discrimination en fonction d'une orientation sexuelle. Un gouvernement néo-démocrate mettra fin à l'interdiction discriminatoire du don de sang et mettra en place des politiques fondées sur des données probantes de santé publique pour assurer l'approvisionnement en sang.

**8. Comment le Canada devrait-il défendre les droits et les libertés des personnes LGBTQ+ à travers le monde selon votre parti, en particulier face aux pays qui ne respectent pas ou qui restreignent les droits de la personne?**

Le Canada doit condamner sans réserve la discrimination contre les communautés LGBTQI2S+ partout dans le monde. Il y a trop de pays où l'homosexualité est décriminalisée, et nous devons faire plus pour défendre les droits de ceux qui sont opprimés en raison de leur orientation sexuelle ou de leur identité sexuelle.

Les néo-démocrates croient aussi que le Canada a un rôle unique et important à jouer pour aider les réfugié.es LGBTQI2S+ partout dans le monde. Nous allons établir une voie permanente pour que les réfugiés LGBTQI2S+ puissent s'installer au Canada afin remplacer l'approche fragmentaire actuelle qui ne traite que les cas d'urgence à mesure qu'ils surviennent.

**9. Dans un univers où l'avenir des médias (journaux, magazines d'information et communautaires) est mis en danger par GAFAM (Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon et Microsoft) — qui siphonnent les revenus publicitaires (rappelons que plus de 80% des revenus se retrouvent chez ces entreprises américaines qui ne payent aucun ou presque pas d'impôt) —, votre parti considère-t-il qu'il faut des**

**mesures économiques pour protéger l'avenir des journaux, des magazines d'information ou communautaires, comme Fugues? Si oui, lesquels ?**

La plupart des Canadiennes et Canadiens s'informent maintenant sur Facebook, et Netflix est devenu le plus grand diffuseur du pays. Or, ces géants du web ne paient pas d'impôts et ne contribuent pas au financement du contenu canadien de la même façon que les médias traditionnels. Le cinéma, la télévision et les médias canadiens sont confrontés à un raz-de-marée de contenu américain généreusement financé, et les libéraux ont refusé de prendre des mesures pour égaliser le terrain de jeu.

C'est pourquoi nous veillerons à ce que Netflix, Facebook, Google et les autres entreprises de médias numériques respectent les mêmes règles que les diffuseurs canadiens. Cela signifie payer des impôts, appuyer le contenu canadien dans les deux langues officielles et assumer la responsabilité de ce qui apparaît sur leur plateforme, comme c'est le cas pour les autres médias.

Nous veillerons à ce que les institutions artistiques et culturelles reçoivent un financement stable et à long terme pour faire croître et promouvoir les diverses cultures et histoires du Canada. Nous appuierons également les médias canadiens pour les aider à effectuer la transition vers le numérique.

**10. Quelles mesures, comme gouvernement, entendriez-vous prendre pour vous assurer que tous les nouveaux arrivants comprennent et acceptent les valeurs d'ouverture du Canada dont la diversité sexuelle et de genre?**

Nous appuyons une mise à jour du guide de la citoyenneté pour inclure du langage clair sur les droits de la communauté LGBTQI2S+, parmi d'autres groupes marginalisés.

**11. Estimez-vous que l'inclusion des diversités est un enjeu d'importance pour les entreprises du Canada ? Si oui, quelles sont les mesures que Selon votre parti mettrait en place afin d'assurer l'inclusion de la diversité, dont celle LGBTQ+.**

Nous pouvons en faire davantage pour mettre fin à la discrimination en matière d'emploi dont sont victimes les membres de la communauté LGBTQI2S+. Un gouvernement néo-démocrate ajoutera l'orientation sexuelle, l'identité et l'expression de genre à la Loi sur l'équité en matière d'emploi afin de s'attaquer aux préjudices subis par les communautés LGBTQI2S+ – et particulièrement les personnes transgenres – pour trouver du travail.

**12. Votre parti s'engagerait-il à poursuivre ou augmenter le financement des festivals et événements LGBTQ+ culturels ou touristiques ?**

Oui

## Appendix C

### Liberal Response

**1) What do you believe are the most critical issues for the local 2SLGBTQIA+ community? If elected, how would you work with the local community to address these issues?**

We understand that the issues facing the community vary based on different intersectionalities and we have worked hard to address those across the board by passing legislation to protect trans folks, updating government policies through a lens that better understands intersectional discrimination, and by creating the LGBTQ2 Secretariat to ensure that we continue to update government policy and practices to protect and support the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

One significant issue that has been felt across the community is the high rate of homelessness for 2SLGBTQIA+ youth. We have provided funding, including core funding, to organizations that provide front line services for these youth, including housing and on this point have made the needs of LGBTQ2 Canadians a priority for funding within the national co-investment fund as part of the National Housing Strategy.

There also continue to be barriers for these Canadians to health and other services, and a Liberal government would continue working to remove these barriers through increased funding to community organizations, the introduction of additional supports such as a national support line for those in distress, and important steps to modernize how we deliver important social programs like paid family leave so that it recognizes the full spectrum of modern families.

Maybe as importantly, Prime Minister Trudeau, his cabinet and Liberal caucus have proudly demonstrated our government's support by marching in pride parades across the country. The PM was happy to be joined by leaders of every other party with the exception of the Conservatives.

**2) What steps do you take to vet campaign donations to ensure that you are not funded by groups or organizations with anti-2SLGBTQIA+ rhetoric or goals?**

The Liberal party does not accept donations from such groups.

**3)**

**a. What is your party's history in voting for or against same-sex marriage in Canada?**

Our party introduced and passed marriage equality legislation and we have continued to support and advocate for this and other 2SLGBTQIA+ rights. The entirety of our party supports same-sex marriage, it is a non-negotiable issue of Charter rights to which all Liberal members are fully committed, and we will not reverse our support.

**b. If elected, how would you represent your party's stance on retaining same-sex marriage rights?**

Liberal M.P.s will always oppose any effort to turn back the clock on marriage equality.

**4)**

**a. What is your party's history in supporting Bill C-16?**

Bill C-16 was legislation introduced by our Liberal government and was passed with the unanimous support of Liberal M.P.s.

We were proud to pass this bill with significant cross-party support from New Democrat, Green, Bloc and a number of Conservative M.P.s. That being said, we are dismayed that in this day and age still 40 Conservative M.P.s, including their now leader Andrew Scheer, found it acceptable to vote against this important milestone for human rights in Canada.

**b. If elected, how would you support federal protections for the trans community in Canada?**

Anti-discrimination legislation like C-16 is only one part of protecting the trans community. We have updated Service Canada policies and practices to ensure respect for the diversity of all genders. Further, Treasury Board Secretariat guidelines were introduced and are being implemented under our government that include updating sex and gender data collection and display to be more inclusive.

**5) Do you support the current eligibility criterion for Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) to donate blood to Canadian Blood Services? If not, what proposals would you suggest to change the eligibility for MSM to donate blood?**

Our Liberal government has continuously worked to reduce the MSM deferral period for blood donation, most recently reducing it to three months. Under our health minister we continued to work towards a behaviour-based model that follows the most current and comprehensive science from the international community, and we remain at comparable stages with other countries.

The nature of the relationship between between the government of Canada and Canadian Blood Services/Hemo-Quebec requires a study of potential impacts by those organizations before any policy changes can be implemented. Our government has funded such studies leading to the reduction in the deferral period and continue to fund research with the goal of implementing a non discriminatory, behaviour based screening process.

We are committed to eliminating the ban altogether, and a re-elected Liberal government will move forward in partnership with Canadian Blood Services and Héma-

Québec to support the implementation of a behaviour-based model that eliminates the ban once and for all.

**6) How would you as an elected official address the ongoing issues of homelessness and addiction, especially as they disproportionately affect members of the 2SLGBTIA+ community?**

We have provided funding, including core funding, to organizations that provide front line service, including housing, for affected members of the LGBTQ2 community. This includes the largest single government investment in an LGBTQ2 organization when we invested in the Egale Centre in Toronto where about 35 housing spaces specifically for LGBTQ2 youth are being built. LGBTQ2 Canadians are one among a number of identified priority groups for funding within the national co-investment fund as part of the National Housing Strategy.

Through the federal government's Security Infrastructure Program, the Egale Centre was also provided with a contribution of more than \$47, 000 to help secure this facility and keep its community members safe.

**7)**

**a. What is your party's stance on accepting refugees who are 2SLGBTQIA+?**

Our government strongly supports welcoming LGBTI refugees. We need to ensure that individuals who face violence and criminalization based on their sexual orientation or gender identity can find safety in Canada. Our Rainbow Refugee Assistance program was recently upgraded from a pilot program to a full initiative under our government specifically in order to help LGBTI persons fleeing persecution and find safety in Canada. Further, our recent commitment of \$30 million over five years in Canadian organizations operating overseas will promote and defend human rights, including LGBTI rights, in all corners of the globe.

These kinds of initiatives are saving lives. For example, in the wake of the Chechen crackdown on the LGBTQ2 community in Russia, many were badly beaten, detained and killed. Our government worked to support roughly 60 people to escape to safety in Canada.

**b. If elected, how would you encourage and protect the asylum rights of refugees based on their 2SLGBTQIA+ identities?**

Our government has already taken steps to make our refugee system more approachable for LGBTI refugees. After a decade of neglect, when we came to office the processes for processing LGBTI individuals were horribly out of date. Individuals were subjected to inappropriate and ignorant questions about their personal lives in a way that was unacceptable. Under our watch, these processes have been improved. We have also provided critical funding for Rainbow Refugees Canada and increased the number of LGBTI refugees we accept every year.

**8) As an elected official, how would you support non-binary Canadians in changing their gender markers on their government identification?**



Our government introduced a gender neutral option for travel documents, such as passports and visas, and we continue to examine updating gender markers on other identification documents introduced. We have updated Service Canada forms and processes and Treasury Board Secretariat sex and gender data guidelines that are designed to respect gender diversities.

**9) How should incarcerated Two-Spirit and trans individuals be housed to serve their time in federal prisons in order to maintain safety and protection of all prisoners?**

Incarcerated Two-Spirit and Trans federal inmates should be housed in a location that aligns with their gender identity. Under our government, we introduced updated CSC guidelines that are more inclusive and supportive of trans Canadians in the corrections system.

**10) What are your thoughts on the recently created cabinet position of LGBTQ2 Secretariat?**

Our government created the LGBTQ2 Secretariat to help support a whole of government approach to help advance 2SLGBTQIA+ rights. Housed within the Privy Council Office, it provides distinct advice and is able to apply an intersectional lens to all government departments to ensure activities, initiatives, and policies from the federal government include considerations for LGBTQ2 Canadians.